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**2. Estimation of purchase price and sale price of surplus electricity under the diffusion of photovoltaic systems**

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The surplus electricity generated in the residential photovoltaic (PV) system is sold by a customer and purchased by a utility.

**3. Rational shopping behavior and the option value of variable pricing**

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When a product's price fluctuates, how often should rational, cost-minimizing shoppers visit the store, and how much should they buy each time?

**4. Internet buying services targeted.**

74% Harris, Donna Lawrence • *Automotive News* • 08/12/96 • 4 pages (1100 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

State and federal regulators have begun patrolling the Information Highway, and automotive firms are getting citations.

**5. Group PURCHASING : Consorta members spend \$51 million in first groupbuy; GPO adding two more.**

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Members of Consorta Inc., Rolling Meadows, Ill., spent \$51 million under the group purchasing organization's first capital equipment group buy.

**6. Stepping out for a 'byte' (high tech supplies)**

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Buying supplies from retail dealers is the latest trend altering office purchasing patterns.

**7. Team approach to buying improves process efficiency [John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co.]**

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It takes true teamwork to efficiently centralize a purchasing operation. That's exactly the

**8. Industry News: Foreign Cosmetics Prices Begin to Undercut Domestic Brands**

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Foreign based cosmetic manufacturers are continuing to reduce prices in the face of increasing bargain sales of imported cosmetic products.

**9. An initial and repeat purchase legit model for multi-generation technological product markets**

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Most new product adoption models have focused on single-generation products. Only recently have

**10. Internet buying left up to the pioneers, for now.**

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The nation's hospitals, as a group, are poised on the brink of a new era in purchasing, one that will take them into the electronic age.

**11. Mitsubishi Chemical to Reduce Naphtha Purchasing**

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Mitsubishi Chemical (4010) will decrease its purchasing of naphtha, a raw material used in petrochemical products, by ten percent, and will decrease by the same amount production of such products, including ethylene.

**Kuwait Petroleum (GB) Ltd. Strategic logistic planning system**Clark, M. • *Practical Applications of Prolog. International Conference* • 01/01/92 • 2 pages (290 words) • [SUMMARY](#) 

The logistics process in the oil industry which includes extraction and refining, involves several stages.

**PRICING MODELS FOR ELECTRONIC DATABASES ON THE INTERNET***Online Libraries & Microcomputers* • 03/01/98 • 7 pages (2000 words) • [SUMMARY](#) 

Commercial electronic databases (e.g. indexing/abstracting services, electronic journals,

**Purchasers weigh quality, service in sourcing**Gina Roos • *Electronic Buyers' News* • 08/24/98 • 7 pages (1650 words) • [SUMMARY](#) 

With less demand and plenty of supply, switch manufacturers are faced with tough competition. The

**GPOS UNDER PRESSURE TO DELIVER: PURCHASING VOLUME CLIMBS, BUT INTERNET FIRMS AND INDEPENDENTS ARE CHALLENGING THE LARGE GROUPS.**Hensley, Scott • *Modern Healthcare* • 09/20/99 • 8 pages (2300 words) • [SUMMARY](#) 

Group purchasing organizations mustered the willpower this year to resist what had been an overpowering urge to merge.

**Theglobe.com Launches Group Buying Club to Help Users Save Money During Holiday Shopping**PR Newswire • 11/22/99 • 4 pages (740 words) • [SUMMARY](#) 

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 /PRNewswire/ -- As millions of people gear up for their holiday shopping

**What you should know before buying a gear pump system**Smith, Dan ; Darley, Dana ; Stallings, Tony • *PROC CONF ADV EXTRUSION TECHNOL* • 01/01/93 • 2 pages (160 words) • [SUMMARY](#) 

The last element, and perhaps the most important to consider when purchasing a gear pump system is the support capability of the organization supplying the system.

**1998 HMM article index.***Hospital Materials Management* • 12/19/98 • 21 pages (6000 words) • [SUMMARY](#) 

This index to Hospital Materials Management covers issues from January 1997 to December 1998. To

**Hosted buying communities get boost -- Siemens SAirGroup Plan To Offer Service;****Ariba Aims Network At Smaller Businesses.(Siemens Procurement and Logistics Services and Swissair subsidiary SAirGroup will jointly offer web procurement services for small an**Wilder, Clinton • *InformationWeek* • 10/04/99 • 4 pages (930 words) • [SUMMARY](#) 

The latest trend in Web procurement is for large enterprises to aggregate and host online buying communities of small and midsize businesses.

**Incorporating price and replacement purchases in new product diffusion models for consumer durables**Mesak, H.I. ; Berg, W.D. • *Decision Sciences* • 07/01/95 • 2 pages (220 words) • [SUMMARY](#) 

The article presents theoretical and empirical research findings which incorporate price and replacement purchases in new product diffusion models.

**Why you must take care when prices are cut (computer purchase)**Newman, F. ; Foreman, M. • *Micro Decision* • 06/01/83 • 2 pages (180 words) • [SUMMARY](#) 

There are three types of discount available to purchases of microcomputers and software. Cash

**Service providers confront chaos -- Competition forces carriers to rethink equipment purchasing**Chris Roeckl • *Communications Week* • 10/28/96 • 5 pages (1200 words) • [SUMMARY](#) 

Carriers-both start-ups and those already entrenched-are flattering each other by imitation, at least in the way they make their buying decisions.

**From personal computers to paper clips, contract buying can pay off**Drozdowski, T.E. • *Purchasing* • 12/11/86 • 2 pages (160 words) • [SUMMARY](#) 

The Gillette company's combined revenue in 1985 totalled \$2.4 billion. Each division within in

**A day-to-day buying policy for commodities-a study of purchasing maize**Guimaraes, R.C. ; Kingsman, B.G. • *Journal of the Operational Research Society* • 01/01/90 • 2 pages (190 words) • [SUMMARY](#) 

The majority of the imported raw materials used by European industry have to be purchased in commodity markets where prices fluctuate over time.

**GPOs: still viable, but their role is changing.**

*Hospital Materials Management* • 09/01/98 • 6 pages (1800 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

By Joe Colonna The role of group purchasing organizations has been questioned with increasing frequency of late.

**The psychology of waste**

Arkes, H.R. • *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making* • 09/01/96 • 2 pages (270 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

In order to avoid the appearance of wastefulness people may be motivated to make choices that compromise their own self-interest.

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**Capital equipment buy should be part of strategic plan**

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By Gene D. Burton Most people in hospital management understand the need for a strategic plan

**A composite heterogeneous model of brand choice and purchase timing behavior**

Zufryden, F.S. • *Management Science* • 10/01/77 • 2 pages (240 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

A stochastic model of purchase behavior is developed to aid marketing managers analyze and predict consumer purchase behavior.

**Latest purchasing trends: centralization, bulk buying, electronic data interchange**

Major, M.J. • *Bank Administration* • 11/01/89 • 2 pages (170 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

The drive toward increased efficiency is affecting not only what banks purchase, but also how they make those purchases.

**Co-ordinated industry purchasing-NSW initiatives**

Davies, M. • *Distribution 2000. Doing it Right for the Future. Insulated Line and Cable Systems. International Conference and Workshop* • 01/01/91 • 2 pages (200 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

Conventional wisdom has it that the electricity distribution industry in New South Wales should be able to use its substantial collective buying power to achieve buying price advantage.

**A group technology classification and coding system. For value-added purchasing**

Min, H. ; Shin, D. • *Production and Inventory Management Journal* • 01/01/94 • 2 pages (140 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

In this era of rapid technological advances and global competitiveness, purchased materials from various sources around the world have become more sophisticated and expensive.

**New-Look Economy -- The Growth Of The Internet And The Power It Gives To The Customer Will Change The Way Companies Conduct Business**

*Information Week* • 05/04/98 • 11 pages (3600 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

They come from different types of businesses. Some represent companies getting their hands dirty

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DeJohn, Paula • *Hospital Materials Management* • 10/01/99 • 11 pages (3100 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

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**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE: Agricultural Prices.**

M2 Presswire • 02/01/99 • 13 pages (3420 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in January was 98 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1.0 percent) from December.

**Bazaar Advantages – Electronic Marketplaces Offer Unique Benefits To Buyers And Sellers, And Could Transform Business-To-Business Commerce**

Gregory Dalton • *Information Week* • 05/10/99 • 11 pages (2800 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

Though new in format, the concept is as old as commerce itself: Sellers gather in a central location to offer their wares, and buyers come for the convenience and the ability to compare prices.

**Bayer Considering Purchase Of Specialty Intermediates Here**

*COMLINE - Chemicals & Materials* • 10/21/94 • 2 pages (350 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

Under a Bayer plan to promote purchase of intermediates for new drugs and farm chemicals throughout the world, a Japanese Bayer subsidiary has begun talks with a large Japanese intermediates maker on purchase of its pharmaceutical intermediates.

**Group hunts for weak links in members' supply chains.***Hospital Materials Management* • 06/01/99 • 23 pages (6100 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

The usual reason a hospital calls in supply chain management consultants is that materials management has been ordered to reduce supply costs.

**Internet-Based Group-Buying Network Accompany Inc. Outsources E-Business****Customer Service to 800 Support.***PR Newswire* • 10/26/99 • 3 pages (550 words) • [SUMMARY](#)SAN FRANCISCO and PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 26 /PRNewswire/ -- Accompany Inc., the first [1998-1999 story index](#).*Hospital Materials Management* • 12/19/99 • 43 pages (14000 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

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**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE: AgAgricultural Prices.***M2 Presswire* • 11/01/99 • 9 pages (2400 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in October was 92 based on 1990-92=100, down 5 points (5.2 percent) from the September index.

**Purchase Connection members exceed planned spending levels under group buy***Hospital Materials Management* • 05/01/98 • 2 pages (150 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

Purchase Connection, Chatsworth, Calif., has more than doubled expected spending under its first group buy.

**Direct sales: The personal touch.***European Cosmetic Markets* • 09/01/99 • 22 pages (7000 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

Although direct sales have been around for a long time, indeed some say it is the oldest distribution system, industry observers continue to state that it is a growing channel.

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE: Agricultural Prices***M2 Presswire* • 03/31/98 • 9 pages (2500 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in March was 103 based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (2.0 percent) from February.

**Optimal pricing of non-utility generated electric power**Siddiqi, Shams N. ; Baughman, Martin L. • *IEEE TRANS POWER SYST* • 01/01/94 • 2 pages (210 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

The importance of an optimal pricing policy for pricing non-utility generated power is pointed out in this paper.

**Successful Power Purchasing Means Looking at the Fine Print.**KLEIN, JACK • *Energy User News* • 01/01/99 • 8 pages (2600 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

BOSTON--Energy User News spoke with Richard Costello, president of Westwood Energy Group.

**Dynamic calibration of price-trend parameters for commodity futures trading**Cabral, J.A.S. ; Guimaraes, R.C. • *Journal of the Operational Research Society* • 08/01/94 • 2 pages (260 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

This paper addresses the problem of buying commodities through the future markets and deals specifically with a heuristic rule developed for the scenario described as 'purchasing under a deadline'.

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The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in June was 98 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1.0 percent) from May.

**GPOs: big in healthcare, reaching beyond.(includes related article on Health Industry****Group Purchasing Association)(impact of general purchasing organizations on food****service industry)(Cover Story)**Salkin, Stephanie • *ID: The Voice of Foodservice Distribution* • 02/01/99 • 10 pages (3100 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

General purchasing organizations (GPOs) have become a way of life for distributors seeking healthcare business.

**Get ready for electronic commerce**Schutzer, D. • *ABA Banking Journal* • 06/01/95 • 2 pages (310 words) • [SUMMARY](#)

Electronic commerce is the ability to perform transactions involving the exchange of goods or services between two or more parties using electronic tools and techniques.





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Mallory Duncan, vice president and general counsel, National Retail Federation, said, "Given the sheer volume of price changes occurring in a typical retail store, we believe a 95 percent accuracy rate is..."

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DART GROUP DEAL TO UNLOAD CROWN BOOKS CORP. FALLS APART  
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...more obvious that weren't obvious before," said Rick Gallagher, a vice president at the National Retail Federation. "What Wallace's found is a company with operating difficulties." Crown lost \$4.2 million...

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